

# DEMOCRATIC CHAIRMAN PAID EXPENSES

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### The Weather

Fair tonight and Saturday. Little change in temperature. Light winds mostly west.

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# GERMANS PROTEST ALLIED DEMANDS

## TRUE BILL

### FOUND AGAINST

#### R. G. BANCROFT

### Special Grand Jury Held In Orleans County Friday Bring In Findings

A special grand jury was held in the Orleans County court house at Newport Friday morning at which State's Attorney Thompson presented evidence against Russell G. Bancroft, now incarcerated in the Jersey City Jail. The grand jury found a true bill against him and he is charged with obtaining money under false pretenses to the sum of \$6,000 from the National Bank of Newport. The witnesses at the special session were James McCarty, president of the Newport National bank, and Ray Webster of Barton. Now that a true bill has been found against Bancroft he can be extradited from the state of New Jersey. It is expected that he will soon be brought to the Orleans county jail to await a trial at the September term of court.

### County Court Meets and Adjourns Again

Judge Fred M. Butler, who has been presiding at the June term of the Caledonia county court, came to St. Johnsbury Wednesday to take up some matters that were left over from the last session. There was a hearing in the case of Flora E. Russell vs. Nathaniel Johnson and Trs. This is the Hardwick case involving the ownership of a moving picture theater there. The plaintiff was represented by Sumner E. Darling of Hardwick and the defendants by M. A. Campbell of the Northfield firm of Plumley & Campbell and Messrs. Shields and Conant of the firm of Dunnett, Shields & Conant. The case will come before Judge Butler again as a recess was taken to July 27.

Judge Butler also had for disposition the case of State vs. William Moffett, the respondent having pleaded guilty to breaking and entering the railroad station at South Ryegate on the night of April 14 and taking a gold watch belonging to the station agent and over \$60 in money that belonged to the Boston & Maine railroad and the American Express. On recommendation of States Attorney Campbell the young man was placed on probation after having been fined \$100 and given a sentence in the House of Correction at Windor of not less than one year nor more than two years. The latter sentence was suspended when he was placed on probation.

## CAN YOU CATCH

### A DOG? IF SO, HERE'S YOUR CHANCE

"Persistence brings success" is an oft-quoted proverb, which, when boiled down to its genuine intention, means if you keep at a thing long enough, it'll eventually happen. With that to encourage them, employees in the baggage room of the Union Station have persistently pursued an Ayresdale dog which escaped from the baggage car of a train bound for Portland last Wednesday and has successfully eluded pursuit since then.

Shortly after the animal had escaped men set out in pursuit, but it was nowhere to be found. Search led them to the St. Johnsbury House, where it was learned that for two hours the dog had slept quietly there, but had just gone. Frantic pursuit and questioning brought out that many had "just seen it," but on the dog itself, the eyes of the baggage men have not yet rested. When it was learned that a reward was offered, the number of pursuers grew by leaps and bounds. It is expected that all St. Johnsbury will soon be enlisted in service.

The lady, who owns the animal has come to St. Johnsbury in response to a telegram announcing her loss, and this fact lends the railroad men to be confident of speedy success.

## MAY STOP PROSECUTION OF LIQUOR CASES

BOSTON, July 9.—Did the courts of Massachusetts lose jurisdiction of prosecution made under its statutes for violation of the liquor law when the 18th amendment to the constitution of the United States took effect? That question was argued before the full bench of the supreme court today and on its answer depends at least 100 cases on the superior criminal court calendar. Chief Justice Rugg deemed the matter of sufficient public importance to summon judges back from their vacations so that there might be a speedy determination of the issues involved.

In the case heard today, counsel for the defendant, who was found guilty in the superior court of selling liquor contended that until Massachusetts, in compliance with the provisions of the 18 amendment, enacted appropriate legislation, the state has lost all rights to make prosecutions for liquors sold for beverage purposes. He further argued that the state granted to congress the right to define what was an intoxicating beverage and that destroyed the force and effect of the Massachusetts laws.

## FAIR PRICE

### COMMISSION

#### FIX PROFITS

### Will Co-operate with U. S. Atty. Bullard in Fighting Profiteering

The Fair Price commission of Vermont have announced their rulings through the office of United States Attorney V. A. Bullard of Burlington and their findings on the question of profits are as follows:

"After a careful investigation of existing conditions, the Fair Price Commission of Vermont decides that a fair percentage of profit on the selling prices of the different classes of merchandise is as follows: Boots and shoes (staple lines), 33 1-3 per cent, boot and shoes (novelty lines), 40 per cent, clothing, men's and boys', 33 1-3 per cent, dry goods, 33 1-3 per cent, ladies' misses' and children's ready-to-wear garments, 40 per cent, groceries (exclusive of flour and sugar), 30 per cent.

This means that the pair of shoes that cost the retailer four dollars may be sold for not more than six dollars. The commission has found that the overhead expense, such as rent, clerk's salary, and so forth amounts to 24 to 30 per cent in dry goods, clothing, ready-to-wear garments, and boots and shoes, and from 18 to 25 per cent in groceries. So that the net profit to a retail shoe dealer on a pair of shoes costing him four dollars wholesale and sold at six dollars is one dollar thirty-five cents after the overhead expense is deducted.

The members of the Fair Price commission are E. E. Luce of Stowe, chairman, George N. Tilden of Barre, George E. L. Badlam of Rutland and A. P. Simonds of Brattleboro.

With the finishing of the investigation that led to the fixing of the present scale of profits, the members of the commission will devote their time in seeing that the new rulings are enforced. In this they will co-operate with Attorney Bullard, who as representative of the government is behind the anti-profiteering movement.

The meeting at which the matter of profits was decided was attended by some of Burlington's most prominent merchants who testified as to what they considered fair prices, including F. D. Abernethy, the dry goods dealer, and Thomas B. Wright, the clothier.

## READ ALL THE ADS

## PROBE EXPENDITURES

OF ATTY. GEN. PALMER  
ST. LOUIS, July 9.—The Senate committee investigating campaign expenditures transferring the scene of its activities to St. Louis today, launched an inquiry into the campaign of Atty. Gen. A. Mitchell Palmer, who was a candidate for the Democratic Presidential nomination. The attention of the committee as the hearing opened was centered on the reported distribution of two thousand dollars among the 28 members of the city democratic committee by Edward F. Goltra, St. Louis Democratic National committee man from Missouri to help defray the expenses of delegates to the state democratic convention.

Checks signed by Edward F. Goltra, Democratic National committee man from Missouri, were given to delegates to pay their expenses to the Democratic State convention according to testimony given today by members of the St. Louis Democratic committee.

## IRISH PLANK READY

FOR THIRD PARTY  
CHICAGO, July 9.—Efforts to secure endorsement of the committee of 48 for a plank favoring American aid towards Irish independence will be continued, despite the adverse result of a mail vote, it was learned today. Frank P. Walsh, who participated in the unsuccessful fight before the Republican and Democratic conventions is bringing it to Chicago it was said today for presentation to the convention Saturday of the committee of 48 and the labor party. The convention will be called to order tomorrow by Allan C. McCurdy of New York, who will deliver the key note address.

## BOLSHEVICK BREAK

THRU POLISH LINES  
WARSAW, July 9.—Russian Bolshevik forces have broken through the Polish lines south of Divna river, in a drive designed to overrun Luthania and from a contact with East Prussia according to an official statement issued here late today.

## NOTED BREW MASTER

TAKES OWN LIFE  
BOSTON, July 9.—Charles W. Russell, 50 years old, Brew master of the Houghton Brewery here for 25 years, committed suicide by shooting in his office late last night. Associates said he had been despondent over lack of business due to prohibition.

## St. Johnsbury Plays

### Sherbrooke Saturday

The Fairbanks A. A. has another game scheduled with the strong Sherbrooke club this week Saturday at Sherbrooke, where they plan to treat 'em as rough as they did here on Monday. Another game which will interest St. Johnsbury fans is a return game with Berlin at St. Johnsbury on the 17th. This will be the last chance for the local players to take the measure of the New Hampshire outfit, and they are ready and eager for the game to come along. They have picked up and reached their stride recently, and are ready for the only team which has bested them twice this season.

Manager Hoernle of the Fairbanks A. A. when asked whether a challenge had been received from Newport replied that none had been received. When asked if a game would be arranged here, he said that he thought not, as a game with Newport would not be a drawing card. The St. Johnsbury team has been playing a higher class of teams than that of Newport and has defeated teams that have trimmed Newport, he said, so that a contest between the two would hardly draw very many.



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## GOV. CLEMENT

### WILL SOON MAKE

#### A STATEMENT

### To Call or Not to Call, That's the Question With Betting Even

Now a national figure because of not calling a special session of the Legislature, Gov. Clement's return to Vermont on July 7, is soon to be followed by an announcement as to whether he will call a special session or permit the democratic party to get away with the honor of passing the 19th amendment. Gov. Clement did not return to Vermont until the time limit of the "armistice" with Lieut.-Gov. Stone and the report is current under the gilded dome of the State House that the lieutenant-governor had the call already written.

Gov. Clement has not committed himself, but indications point to calling an extra session. He has not repudiated the Associated Press despatch of last week which was sent from Washington after his conference with Senator Harding. The Governor further said on his return to Rutland Tuesday night that if he did call a session he would set the date ahead of the special session in Tennessee.

## ARRANGE CONFERENCE

### FOR DEMOCRATIC LEADERS

DAYTON, O., July 9.—The first important conference to arrange Democratic party campaign plans will be held here Tuesday, July 20, according to a telegram received by Gov. Cox, the presidential candidate, from Homer S. Cummings, national chairman. Mr. Cummings' telegram stated that he has called a meeting of the entire national committee for that date to confer with the governor.

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## Sign Terms of Note Under Threat of Occupation of German Territory

(By the Associated Press)

SPA, Belgium, July 9.—Germany's delegates signed at 11.45 this morning an engagement accepting the terms of the Allied note relative to disarmament presented yesterday. This action was taken under protest by the German representatives. The Allied note, which amounted to virtually an ultimatum, demanded that the Germans accept the terms presented by noon today and stipulated that if the Germans failed to carry out the provisions of the demands Allied forces would occupy parts of the German Empire.

The decision of the German cabinet to obey the Allied demand was reached at an early morning session today the vote being unanimous. The protest made by the Germans in signing the engagement, was submitted in writing. In it the delegates denied authority to consent to occupation of German territory except as provided for in the treaty of Versailles.

## RUMOR ABOUT

### FINDING REGAN'S BODY IS UNTRUE

A persistent rumor has been in circulation in Newport during the past two days that the body of little Leon Regan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Gage of Orleans who was drowned in the Black River early in April, had been found and that Everett Hall and Napoleon Choffaux had made a confession of how the boy met his death. This rumor was investigated and found to be untrue.

## WILL NOTIFY GOVERNOR

### COOLIDGE ON JULY 27

NORTHAMPTON, Mass., July 9.—Gov. Coolidge will be notified formally of his nomination as the Republican party candidate for vice president at Allen Field, the recreation ground of Smith college, the afternoon of July 27. The porch on the half of



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